



### Methods

•The 2015 Avon Youth Health Survey was adapted from the 2011 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) by the Centers for Disease Control.

•Questions in the survey measured student demographics, substance use, protective factors, depression, personal safety, and sexual health.

•Social norms questions were added to assess misperceptions among Avon students in grades 6-12 on areas of substance use. These questions were adapted from the *Most of Us* Teen Norms Survey.



### Grade 7-8

#### 30 Day Use Rates

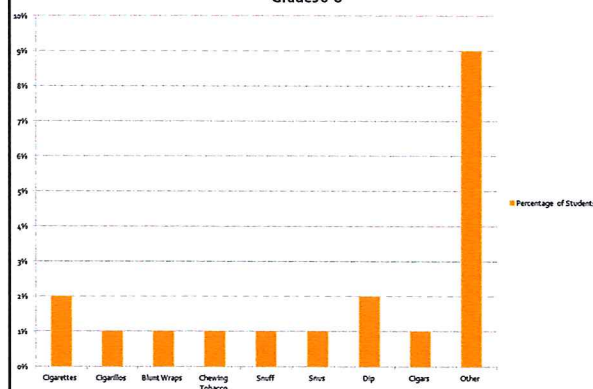
- Alcohol- 0.6%
- Cigarettes- 0.6%
- Marijuana- 3%
- Rx- 0.6%

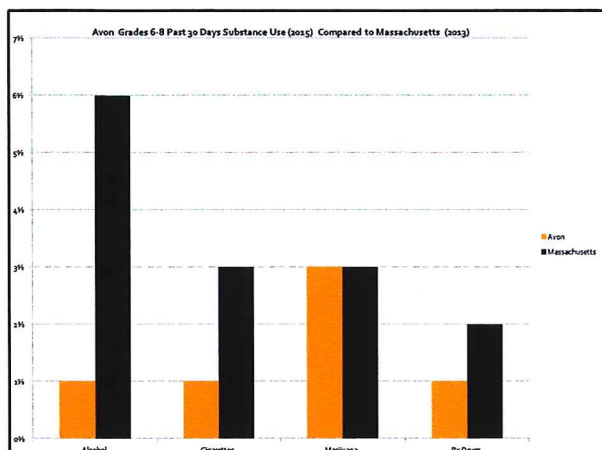


Bring the Community Together to Identify Data Driven, Community Solutions for a Community Issue



Tobacco Use During the Past 30 Days  
Grades 6-8





## Social Norms- Page 14

**“It’s OK to do the Right Thing”**



## Grade 6-8 Access to Substances

•5% Say Their Parents Provided Alcohol

•95.5% Not Offered, Sold, or Given Drugs at School

•100% Have not Drank Alcohol or Used Marijuana on School Property During the Last 30 Days



## Personal Safety and Violence

•Weapons\*

•Fighting\*

•Physical Violence in Relationships\*

•Bullying\*

•Sexual Health\*

## Grade 6-8 Risk and Protective Factors

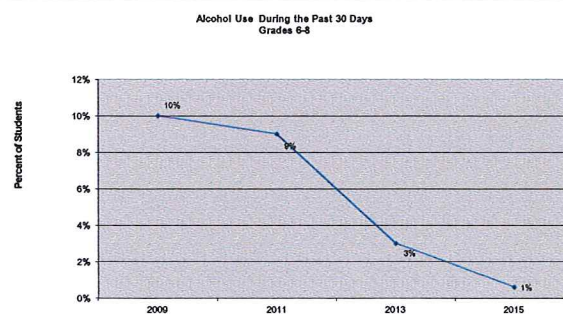
•Sports and Athletics, Music and Performing Arts, Religious and Faith Based Groups

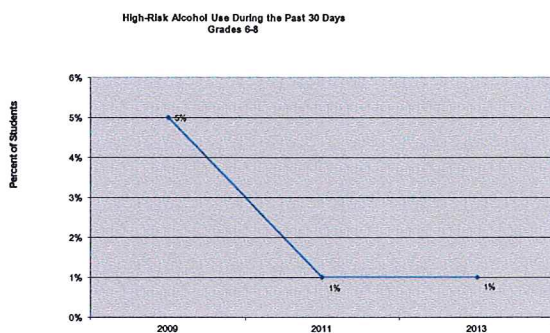
•Majority Feel There Are Adults They Can Talk To

•Bad for My Health, I Don’t Want to Jeopardize Future Plans & I Don’t Want to Disappoint My Parents

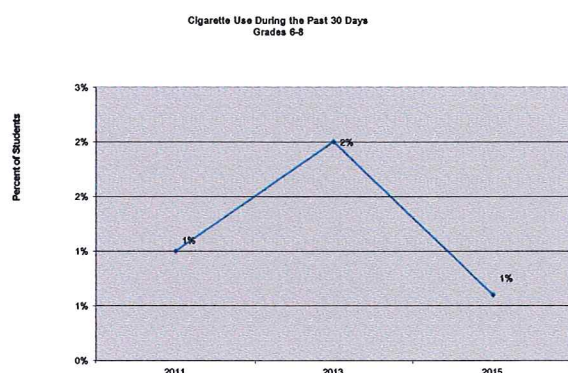
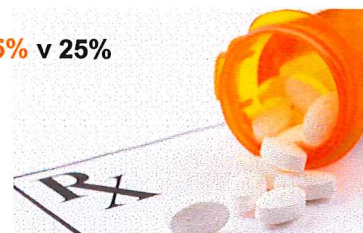


## Grade 6-8 Trend Data

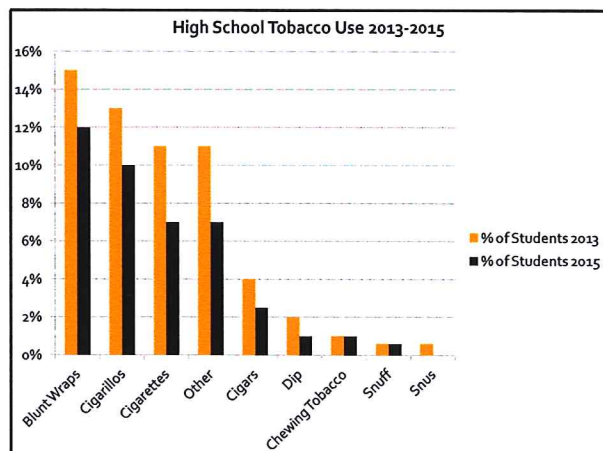
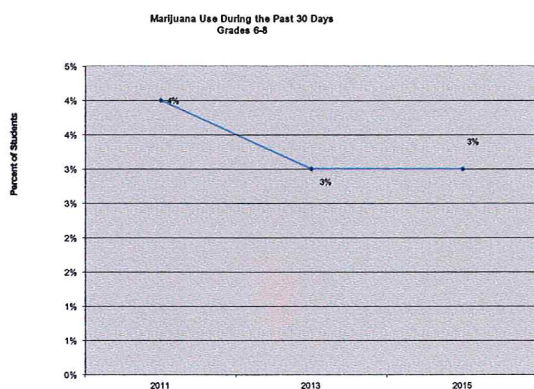


**Grade 6-8****Grade 9- 12 (30) Day Use Rates  
(Avon vs Massachusetts)**

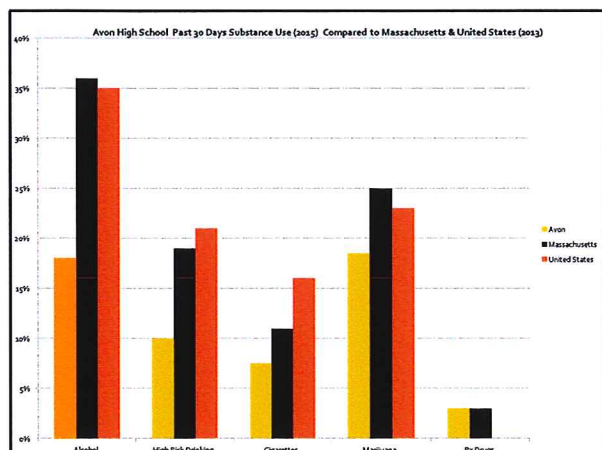
- Alcohol- **18%** v 36%
- Cigarettes- **7.5%** v 11%
- Marijuana- **18.5%** v 25%
- Rx- **3%** v 3%

**Grade 9- 12 (30) Day Use Rates cont.**

- Heroin- **0.6%** v 1%
- Inhalants- **0.6%** v 3%
- Blunt Wraps- **12%**
- Cigarillos- **10%**
- Other- **7%**
- Norfolk County Data\*







## Social Norms- Page 14

"It's OK to do the Right Thing"



## Grade 9-12 Access to Substances

- 15% Say Their Friend or Relative Over 21
- 90% Not Offered, Sold, or Given Drugs at School
- 97% + Have not Drank Alcohol or Used Marijuana on School Property During the Last 30 Days



## Personal Safety and Violence

- Weapons\*
- Fighting\*
- Physical Violence in Relationships\*
- Bullying\*
- Sexual Health\*

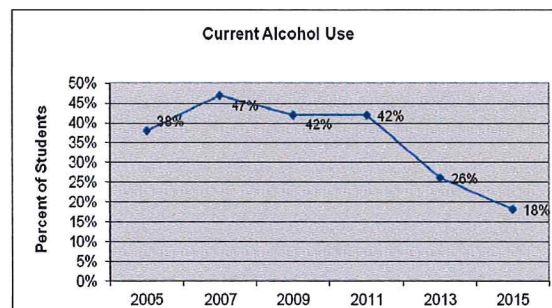
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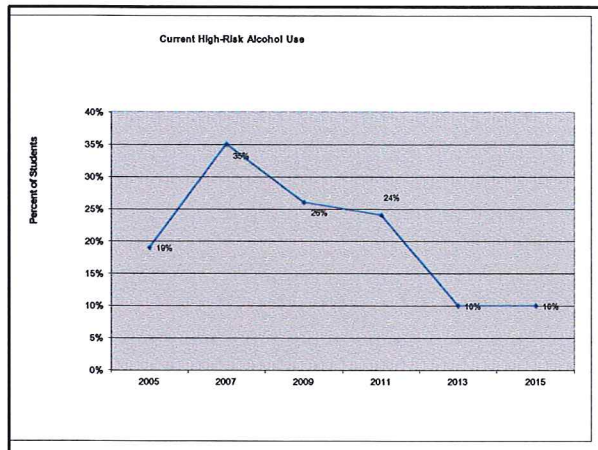
- Sports and Athletics, Volunteer Groups and Music and Performing Arts
- 64% Feel Like They Can Talk to Teacher Or Adult in School\*
- Bad for My Health, I Don't Want to Jeopardize Future Plans & I Don't Want to Disappoint My Parents



## Grade 9- 12

### Trend Data





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